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## Safety Tips for Working Outdoors

It's a great time of year to enjoy our beautiful weather by sprucing up outside your home. But remember to keep cranes, ladders, tree-pruners and other equipment at least 10 feet away from power lines. Electricity can transfer to equipment that's too close to a power line, even if it's not touching.

**Look Above You.** Check to make sure the area above you is clear of power lines. If you think lines may interfere with your project, call OUC at **407-957-7373** at least two

business days prior to starting your project. We'll give you tips on how to complete the work safely.

**Call Before You Dig.** Before starting any digging on your property, Florida law requires you to call Sunshine State One-Call at **800-432-4770** or **8-1-1** to find out where underground pipes and electric lines are located. Please call at least two business days before starting, whether it involves heavy equipment or even simple landscaping.

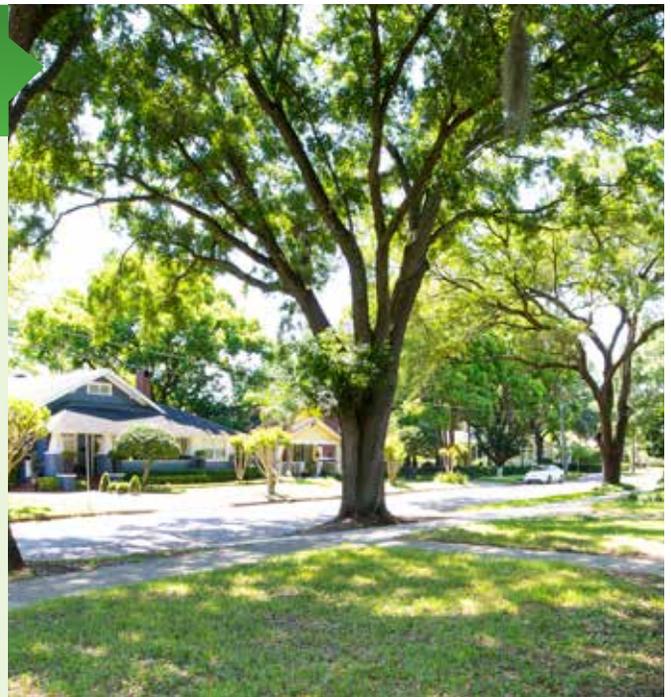
## Tree Trimming Safety

*Keep Our Trees Healthy and Safe*

We love to see Central Florida's Tree canopy growing even larger, but remember that overgrown branches can interfere with power lines and create safety hazards. OUC estimates that 20 percent of all power outages are caused by falling branches.

Tree trimming is hazardous work and is best performed by a professional. For that reason, OUC proactively trims trees along its distribution lines, easements and rights-of-way. If you see tree branches encroaching on power lines, don't attempt to trim them yourself. Contact OUC immediately.

Learn more by visiting [www.ouc.com/trees](http://www.ouc.com/trees). To report a tree/power line threat, call **407-957-7373** in St. Cloud/Osceola County.



## Connect With Us



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## Schedule Home Service and Repairs With Peace of Mind

OUC receives thousands of calls each year from customers who need the assistance of home repair and service professionals. We are pleased to put these customers in touch with members of our Preferred Contractor Network (PCN). These trusted professionals have been vetted by OUC and adhere to strict standards of conduct and a Code of Ethics.

For more information on OUC's Preferred Contractor Network, visit [www.ouc.com/pcn](http://www.ouc.com/pcn). Here you'll find contractor contact information categorized by specialty.



## Don't Miss This Year's Bacchus Bash on April 1

The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association will host the 30th annual Bacchus Bash – “Food, Drink and Fun for Everyone” supporting Central Florida Hospitality Education.

This fundraising event will occur on **Friday, April 1, 2016** at the Orlando Premium Outlets® - Vineland Avenue, from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. Attendees of this “FREE PARKING” and “FREE ADMISSION” event may purchase “Bacchus Bucks” which may be used to sample some of Central Florida’s finest food, beverages and desserts from premier hotels and restaurants.

Additionally, a Silent Auction with over 200 items and a raffle will be held on the night of the event. All Bacchus Bash net proceeds benefit the CFHLA Foundation, Inc., which provides scholarships and grants to Central Florida hospitality students and schools.

For additional information, please visit [www.bacchusbashorlando.com](http://www.bacchusbashorlando.com) and [www.facebook.com/cfhlabacchusbash](https://www.facebook.com/cfhlabacchusbash).

**What:** Bacchus Bash:  
Food, Drink & Fun for Everyone

**Where:** Orlando Premium Outlets® - Vineland Ave  
8200 Vineland Avenue,  
Orlando, FL 32821

**When:** Friday, April 1, 2016  
from 5 P.M. – 10 P.M.



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